ENGLISH SKILLS CHECKLIST

St. Lawrence College

Are you interested in studying ESL at St. Lawrence College?

Before you apply, please make sure you can do the following in English. If you answer "YES" to at least 14 of these questions, then you are ready for the Pre-Intermediate English classes.

READING

☐ I can read and understand many common words.

☐ I can read short simple stories and news items of 2-3 paragraphs in length.

☐ I can find specific information in everyday English materials (*e.g. brochures, charts, schedules*).

☐ I can read short and simple personal letters and emails.

☐ I can follow simple written instructions with 3-5 steps.

WRITING

☐ I can write simple sentences including a subject, verb & object. I can sometimes join two sentences using words like *and, so, but, or & because*.

☐ I can spell many common nouns and verbs fairly accurately.

☐ I can write a paragraph about personal experiences and familiar topics or situations related to daily life (*e.g. a special day, free time activities, basic responsibilities in your job*).

☐ I can write a simple personal letter or note (*e.g. making an appointment, reporting an absence*).

☐ I can complete a simple application form with 10-15 items.

LISTENING

☐ I can understand a conversation about a familiar, everyday topic when spoken slowly.

☐ I can understand questions about my background and personal information.

☐ I can follow simple oral instructions.

☐ I can understand the main point of a clear, short message or announcement.

☐ I can understand a good amount of everyday vocabulary related to common objects and day-to-day activities.

SPEAKING

☐ I can participate in simple conversations about familiar topics and past experiences (*e.g. work, family, daily activities, health, weather*).

☐ I can answer routine questions with short phrases and/or sentences.

☐ I can speak in short sentences and sometimes connect 2 sentences using words like*, and, but, or, so & because*.

☐ I can use a variety of simple present tense verbs and some common past tense verbs to talk about routine and past events.

☐ I can ask short questions.